

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges - Issued.

FINANCE (WA.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt No. 435

Dated: 11-02-2013.

Read the following:-

1. General Administration (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 107 (954/ V&E/ E2/2009-2), dated: 17.12.2012.
2. Memo.No.0964-A/19/WA.II/2013, Finance (WA.II) Department, dated 21.01.2013 addressed to the Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
3. From the Director of Works Accounts Letter No.DWA/Hyd/Sn.I/EC.6/2012-13/471, dated: 02.02.2013.

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure II).

3. Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of her defence.

4. Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram is further informed that, if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex parte.

6. The Attention of Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram is aware of such a

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representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of these orders be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

L. PREMACHANDRA REDDY,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (W&P)

To
Smt V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram
through the Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.
The Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission.
The General Administration (V&E) Department,
B.R.K. Buildings Complex, Hyderabad.
SF/SCs.

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ANNEXURE – I

Statement of articles of charges framed against Smt V.Parvathi, APAO, Dowalaiswaram

Charge:

That the said Smt V.Parvathi while working as APAO, Dowalaiswaram has made payment of work bills of NABARD & RIAD in PR Division, Rajahmundry for the following works :

1. Road from Bolleddupalem to Garagalampalem from Km 0/0 to KM 3/800 under NABARD RIDF-XIII.
2. Providing road from Boduluru to Nukaletiwada via Checkawada and Potlawada under 12th Finance, RIAD.

and failed in her duties as follows:

- i) in identifying the lapses in finalization of rates by the Department as the rates were for the finished items instead of material supply and SE is not competent to finalization the quotation worth of Rs.1,42,15,248/-
- ii) The entire procedural irregularity in execution of work could have been stopped, had she raised objections while making payments.
- iii) Failed to insist for a copy of quotation / work order as the field engineers certified that lowest quotation rates were adopted in the M-Book. Without any scrutiny of bills excess payments were allowed.
- iv) Made an excess payment of Rs.14,29,246/- to the material supplier.

This amounts to dereliction of duties and disobedience to the Government instructions. Thus she has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Basis of Charge:

The Assistant Pay & Accounts Officer failed to discharge the statutory duty of verification of rates while making payments. The APAO failed to audit the bills while making payments to the material supplier as the rates adopted for making payment are unilateral and did not follow any procedure. Payments were made from 1st to 5th part bills in excess of the approved quotation rates and from 6th to 8th part bills the payments were made as per estimate rates which are more than approved

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quotation rates. Subsequently the rates from 1st to 5th part bills are also revised and excess rates were paid causing huge loss to the Government exchequer. Had the APAO raised objections while making payment at the CC 1st and part bill itself, the entire procedural irregularity could have been corrected. The very purpose of PAO system is defeated as the PAO passed the bills without any audit and is responsible for the lapses.

Thus she has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules 1964.

The above observations clearly shows that Smt V.Parvathi, APAO, Dowalaiswaram has failed in her duties while making work bill payments.

This amounts to dereliction of duties. Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

List of documents by which article of charge framed against Smt V.Parvathi, APAO, Dowalaiswaram are proposed to be sustained.

1. GAD(V&E) Department Vigilance Report No.107 (954/ V&E / E2 / 2009-02) dt:17-12-2012

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